

# House File 474 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study to determine effective strategies  
2 for encouraging low-income individuals to engage in energy  
3 efficiency efforts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.  LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY EFFORTS — STUDY.

2     1.  The utilities board of the utilities division of the  
3 department of commerce, in consultation with the division of  
4 community action agencies, shall conduct a study to determine  
5 effective strategies or incentives to encourage low-income  
6 individuals to engage in energy efficiency efforts or implement  
7 energy efficiency projects and improvements.  Such strategies  
8 or incentives may take the form of expanding current energy  
9 efficiency plans and programs developed by public utilities  
10 and targeted toward qualified low-income individuals pursuant  
11 to section 476.6, subsection 13; low-income energy assistance  
12 and programs administered through the division pursuant to  
13 chapter 216A; or a new program or financial incentive designed  
14 to facilitate energy efficiency efforts by or on behalf of  
15 low-income individuals.

16    2.  The board shall submit a report containing its  
17 recommendations to the members of the general assembly by  
18 January 1, 2016.

19                                   EXPLANATION

20                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22    This bill directs the Iowa utilities board, in consultation  
23 with the division of community action agencies, to conduct  
24 a study to determine effective strategies or incentives  
25 to encourage low-income individuals to engage in energy  
26 efficiency efforts or implement energy efficiency projects  
27 and improvements.  The bill provides that the strategies or  
28 incentives developed may take the form of expanding current  
29 energy efficiency plans and programs developed by public  
30 utilities and targeted toward qualified low-income individuals  
31 pursuant to Code section 476.6, subsection 13; low-income  
32 energy assistance and programs administered through the  
33 division pursuant to Code chapter 216A; or a new program or  
34 financial incentive designed to facilitate energy efficiency  
35 efforts by or on behalf of low-income individuals.  The

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